

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8 (cancelled).

Claim 9 (currently amended): A cartridge gun, comprising:

- (a) a housing;
- (b) a grip connected to the housing;
- (c) a cartridge holder connected to the housing and comprising a cylindrical base for receiving a floor region of a cartridge;
- (d) a plurality of resilient gripping elements integrated with the cartridge holder;
- (e) a displaceable piston rod that passes through the housing; ~~and~~
- (f) an actuating device for displacing the piston rod; and
- (g) a stamp provided on a front end of the piston rod. the stamp being displaceable in both a forward direction and a backward direction,

~~wherein the cartridge holder comprises a cylindrical base for receiving a floor region of a cartridge,~~ wherein the gripping elements project radially outwardly from a center of the cartridge holder in the a direction towards the housing into an annular groove ~~of a~~ provided in the base of the cartridge holder up to an outside wall of the annular groove ~~in the base, wherein the gripping elements~~ and are held in the center of the base by means of a hub, ~~wherein the cartridge gun further comprises a stamp arranged at a front end of the piston rod,~~ and wherein the stamp presses the ends of the gripping elements in the direction towards the housing when the piston rod is displaced backwards into a fully retracted position.

Claim 10 (cancelled):

Claim 11 (previously presented): The cartridge gun of Claim 9, wherein the gripping elements are made of spring steel.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The cartridge gun of Claim 9, wherein the stamp comprises a backwardly projecting edge.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The cartridge gun of Claim 9, wherein the actuating device comprises a tiltable forward drive disk and a tiltable retraction drive disk, wherein the grip comprises an advancement trigger, and wherein the housing comprises a retraction trigger.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The cartridge gun of Claim ~~[[13]]~~ 17, wherein the tiltable forward drive disk and the tiltable retraction drive disk each comprise~~[[s]]~~ an opening~~[[,]]~~ through which the piston rod projects, wherein the openings ~~being~~ are slightly larger than the diameter of the piston rod~~[[,]]~~ such that the forward and retraction drive disks are freely displaceable along the piston rod, wherein the cartridge gun further comprises a pressure spring arranged between the forward and retraction drive disks, whereby the pressure spring presses the forward drive disk towards the rear of the cartridge gun and presses the retraction drive disk towards the front of the cartridge gun, wherein the advancement trigger acts upon the bottom side of the forward drive disk and the retraction trigger acts upon the lower side of the retraction drive disk, whereby actuating the advancement trigger causes the forward drive disk to tilt forwardly and become~~[[s]]~~ jammed so that the piston rod can be displaced forwardly against the pretension force of the pressure spring, and whereby actuating the retraction trigger causes the retraction drive disk to tilt backwardly and become~~[[s]]~~ jammed so that the piston rod is displaceable backwardly against the pretension force of the pressure spring.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The cartridge gun of Claim 9, wherein the cylindrical base is formed integrally with the housing.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The cartridge gun of Claim 9, wherein the housing, the grip, and the base are made of plastic.

Claim 17 (new): A cartridge gun comprising:

- (a) a housing comprising a retraction trigger;
- (b) a grip connected to the housing, wherein the grip comprises an advancement trigger;

(c) a cartridge holder connected to the housing and comprising a cylindrical base for receiving a floor region of a cartridge;

(d) a plurality of resilient gripping elements integrated with the cartridge holder that project radially outward from a center of the cartridge holder in a direction towards the housing into an annular groove provided in the base of the cartridge holder up to an outside wall of the annular groove, wherein the gripping elements are held in the center of the base by means of a hub;

(e) a displaceable piston rod that passes through the housing;

(f) an actuating device for displacing the piston rod, wherein the actuating device comprises a tiltable forward drive disk and a tiltable retraction drive disk; and

(g) a stamp arranged at a front end of the piston rod, wherein the stamp presses the ends of the gripping elements in the direction towards the housing when the piston rod is fully retracted.

Claim 18 (new): The cartridge gun of Claim 17, wherein the gripping elements are made of spring steel.

Claim 19 (new): The cartridge gun of Claim 17, wherein the cylindrical base is formed integrally with the housing.

Claim 20 (new): The cartridge gun of Claim 17, wherein the housing, the grip, and the base are made of plastic.

Claim 21 (new): The cartridge gun of Claim 9, wherein the gripping elements are formed from an element shaped as a truncated cone, the element comprising:

(a) a jacket surface comprising recesses whereby individual resilient gripping elements are formed which can be moved independently from one another; and

(b) a bore provided in an upper cover surface of the truncated element, whereby a remaining circular ring of the cover surface can be fastened in the center of the base by means of the hub.